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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we find ourselves nearing the end of another busy year, everyone at the Hawaii State Department of Transportation (HDOT) would like to wish you and yours a happy and safe holiday season. For the HDOT, this first year of the new millennium has been a particularly busy one, with the H-1 Corridor Project demanding most of our attention. The year saw not only the start of this ambitious program, but the completion of significant portions of the overall project, including the nighttime re-paving of the H-1. Much of that success has been due to the diligence and hard work of the H-1 Corridor Task Force, which has been meeting regularly for more than a year.

With that said, we still have more work before us. Ongoing re-paving of H-1 on- and off-ramps and work on frontage roads and cross streets will continue.

We have also completed the addition of concrete blocking and restrainers near the Lunalilo-Vineyard off-ramp as part of ongoing seismic retrofitting work. Guardrail and other miscellaneous work remains in the eastbound direction. Also, restrainers are being added on the Makiki viaduct, which may require lane closures on Piikoi and Lunalilo Streets.

Planting for the Waialae Avenue landscaping project near Kahala Mall Shopping Center has been completed, and the "plant establishment" phase of this project—in which the new greenery will be cultivated for ninety days—has begun.

The state is gearing up to begin three major construction projects in 2001, including the Punahou off-ramp widening, Waialae bike lane improvements, and the Kalanianaʻole Highway water line and resurfacing project. Gasco may begin preliminary work on a gas line project on Kalanianaʻole Highway as early as January. In the meantime, we have suspended all road work from December 16 through January 1, to ensure that shoppers and all of us who are visiting friends and families for the holidays can travel without the trials of highway construction.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation for the support and hard work of everyone involved in the H-1 Corridor Project. To know the scope and complexity of a project of this nature is to understand what it takes to get the job done. At times it can be a thankless one. But the professionalism and dedication of the people who have planned and managed the H-1 Corridor Project have consistently been of the highest caliber. To all the dedicated folks, my personal thanks and aloha.

Mahalo,



Kazu Hayashida
Director of Transportation

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Happy Holidays
from Captain Coneman
and the HDOT!

KALANIANA'OLE HIGHWAY PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The public is invited to attend a Kalaniana'ole Highway resurfacing and water line project informational meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Kalani High School cafeteria.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to offer input on whether work should be performed during daytime or nighttime hours.

